

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 1150 - SB 1231

April 14, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires popular election of all trial court and appellate court judges. Eliminates the Judicial Selection Commission and the Judicial Evaluation Commission.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 27, 2009, we issued a fiscal note indicating *a decrease in state expenditures of \$39,200, and a more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.* Based on additional information provided by the AOC and further review, the fiscal impact of this bill is as follows:

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Decrease State Expenditures – \$132,400

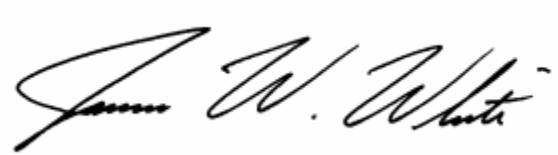
Assumptions:

- According to AOC, the costs associated with the JSC for 2007 were \$20,802.88 and \$45,094.08 for 2008 resulting in a two-year average of \$32,948.48. The costs associated with the JEC for 2007 were \$148,898.92 and \$50,039.39 for 2008 resulting in a two-year average of \$99,469.16. Eliminating these two commissions would result in a decrease in state expenditures of \$132,417.64 (\$32,948.48 + \$99,469.16).
- An increase in state expenditures for ballot modifications. These expenditures are estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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